

# LIBELLULA PUELLA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Os maxillosum : maxillis pluribus.

*Antennæ* thorace breviores.

*Alæ* extensæ.

Cauda maris hamoso-forcipata.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 901.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

LIBELLULA alis erectis hyalinis, corpore cæruleo vel rubido.

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*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 905.

Agrion PUELLA.

*Fab. sp. ins.* p. 527.

*Roes.* 2. t. 10. 11.

*Reaum. ins.* 6. t. 35. f. 6.

*Merian Eur.* 78. t. 156.

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Loca aquosa sæpissime circumvolitare solet Libellula Puella æstivo tempore. Hanc specie nulla Britannica minor aut vulgatioꝝ. Variat color corporis non minus quam Libellulæ Virginis; vel læte cyaneus, vel rufo-fuscus, vel nigricans. Certus tamen et constans alarum color, scilicet hyalinus; macula fusca parvula prope marginum extremitates ducta.







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## SMALL LIBELLULA.



### GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Mouth* consisting of several mandibles.

*Antennæ* very slender, filiform, shorter than the thorax.

*Wings* spreading.

*Abdomen* lengthened.

### SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

LIBELLULA with upright hyaline wings, and sky-blue or reddish body.

Small Dragon-Fly.

Little slender-bodied LIBELLULA.

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This is the least of the British Libellulæ, and is a very frequent insect in the neighbourhood of watery places during the summer months. In the colour of its body it varies as much as the L. Virgo, and is either of a bright sky-blue, reddish-brown, or blackish: the wings however are constantly of a similar appearance, or transparent, with a small, dark marginal spot towards their extremities.